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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC, ARA
SUBJECT: REPORT OF JRA ACTIVITIES IN ARGENTINA

1. RSO WAS INFORMED EARLY THIS WEEK BY MEMBERS OF THE FEDERAL SECURIT
Y SERVICE AND ARMY INTELLIGENCE THAT THEY
HAD UNCONFIRMED AND UNQUALIFIED REPORTS THAT JAPANESE RED
ARMY (JRA) MEMBERS HAD INFILTRATED ARGENTINA FOR THE PURPOSE
OF TERRORIST ACTIVITIES DURING THE WORLD CUP. SOURCES DOUBTED
THE AUTHENTICITY OF THESE REPORTS BUT WERE CHECKING THEM OUT
AND PROMISED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BY NEXT MID-
WEEK.

2. SUBSEQUENTLY ON MAY 17 FBIS CARRIED A REPORT STATING
THAT "THE ARGENTINE GOVT HAS GOOD REASON TO BELIEVE THAT
JRA MEMBERS MIGHT ENTER THE COUNTRY TO HELP ARGENTINE
GUERRILLA GROUPS AS A TOKEN OF THEIR INTERNATIONAL SOLI-
DARITY." REPORT THEN WENT ON TO LIST A NUMBER OF SECURITY
MEASURES THAT HAD BEEN TAKEN AT THE JAPANESE EMBASSY IN
RESPONSE TO THIS POSSIBLE THREAT AND ENDED BY STATING,
"ARGENTINE POLICE RECENTLY REQUESTED THE JAPANESE RESIDENTS
IN CORDOBA TO CARRY THEIR IDENTITY CARDS AT ALL TIMES
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FOLLOWING INFORMATION THAT EIGHT JRA MEMBERS HAD ENTERED
CORDOBA WHERE PART OF THE WORLD CUP MATCHES ARE TO BE HELD."

3. IN VIEW OF THIS INFORMATION, A/RSO MET WITH
MR. MOTOHIDE YOSHIKAWA, SECRETARY OF THE JAPANESE EMBASSY.
SOURCE STATED THERE WAS NO CURRENT EVIDENCE THAT THE JRA
HAD ANY INTENTIONS OF CARRYING OUT ACTIVITIES IN ARGENTINA

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DURING THE JUNE 1978 WORLD CUP CHAMPIONSHIPS. HOWEVER, DURING THE PERIOD BETWEEN SEPT AND DEC 1977, A RECEPTIONIST AT THE JAPANESE CULTURAL CENTER IN BUENOS AIRES AND A CHAUFFEUR OF THE CHANCERY REPORTED THEY HAD SEEN KAZUO TOHIRA, A MEMBER OF THE JRA, AND THAT HE HAD VISITED THE CULTURAL CENTER AND THE CHANCERY, SOURCE BELIEVES THESE SIGHTINGS WERE ACCURATELY REPORTED BUT STATES THERE HAVE BEEN NO FURTHER SIGHTINGS.

4. SOURCE ADVISED THAT IN IN GENERAL THE JRA IS COMMITTED TO ACTION AGAINST THE JAPANESE IMPERIAL FAMILY AND HOUSE-HOLD, JAPANESE EMBASSIES AND JAPANESE MULTI- NATIONAL COMPANIES.
SOURCE STATED THAT CROWN PRINCE AKHITO AND HIS WIFE WOULD BE VISITING PARAGUAY FOR THREE DAYS AND BRASIL FOR SEVEN DAYS IN MID-JUNE 1978, AND THAT THE JRA MIGHT ATTEMPT TO CAUSE PROBLEMS IN ORDER TO FORCE THE CANCELLATION OF THE VISIT.

5. SOURCE STATED THE JRA IS CURRENTLY COMMITTED TO ACTIVITIES ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE WHICH WOULD AID AND ABET DOMESTIC DISSIDENTS IN JAPAN TRYING TO PREVENT THE OPENING OF NARITA AIRPORT ON MAY 20, 1978. SOURCE STATED THAT SOME OF THE SECURITY MEASURES IDENTIFIED IN THE FBIS REPORT OF 17 MAY 1978 WERE IMPLEMENTED SOME SIX MONTHS AGO AS A RESULT OF A LETTER FROM JAPANESE
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FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTING A WORLD-WIDE SECURITY UPGRADING OF FACILITIES. THE MORE RECENT MEASURES, CURTAILED WORK SCHEDULE AT ALL CHANCERIES AND CONSULATES, AND THE ENTRY OF ONLY TWO VISITORS AT A TIME, ARE TO REMAIN IN EFFECT THE WEEK OF MAY 15-20 ONLY. THE JAPANESE EMBASSY IN ARGENTINA WILL RESUME ITS NORMAL WORK SCHEDULE ON MAY 22.

6. SOURCE STATED THAT THE CURRENT ESTIMATED STRENGTH OF JRA ACTIVISTS IS 20 WITH SOME 100 IDENTIFIED SUPPORTERS IN JAPAN PROVIDING MORAL SUPPORT ONLY. SOURCE ESTIMATED THAT THE TOTAL JRA "WAR CHEST" WAS ABOUT $6 MILLION, NETTED DURING THE DACCA HIJACKING OF A JAL AIRLINER AND RECEIVED FROM THE PLO. SOURCE STATED THAT HIS GOVT. BELIEVES THAT THE PERPETRATORS OF THE DACCA INCIDENT HAVE NOW LEFT ALGERIA, AND GONE TO LEBANON, SOUTH YEMEN AND POSSIBLY IRAQ, MINUS ONE-THIRD OF THE $6 MILLION RANSOM MONEY.

7. SOURCE STATED THAT THE JRA HAD VERY CLOSE TIES WITH THE PALESTINIAN LIBERATION ORGANIZATION (PLO) WHICH HAD PROVIDED THEM WITH FUNDS AND TRAINING. IN RESPONSE, AND TO DEMONSTRATED THEIR LOYALTY TO THE PLO, THE JRA HAS

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PARTICIPATED WITH THE PLO OR ON THEIR OWN IN A NUMBER OF
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES. THE MOST NOTORIOUS EVEN WAS
THE ATTACK BY THREE JRA MEMBERS AT TEL AVIV'S LOD AIRPORT
ON 30 MAY 1972.

8. SOURCE STATED HE UNDERSTOOD THAT SOME JAPANESE FAMILIES
IN THE NORTH OF ARGENTINA, MISIONES PROVINCE, HAD BEEN
BROUGHT IN BY THE POLICE AND TOLD TO CARRY THEIR DOCUMENTS.
SOURCE SAID HE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT TEN MEMBERS OF THE
JRA INFILTRATING THEMSELVES INTO CORDOBA. SOURCE STATED
THEY WOULD STAY IN TOUCH CONCERNING ANY AVAILABLE INFORMA-
TION ON JRA ACTIVITIES. OTHER EMBASSY SOURCES HAVE NO
KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING POSSIBLE JRA ACTIVITIES IN ARGENTINA.
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